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stream 2½ miles distant. This will give an abundant supply of pure water with sufficient pressure to obviate the use of tanks. Wells are impracticable, as water is reached 8 feet below the surface, and it would be impossible to make one of sufficient depth to give the necessary quantity.

I have already prepared specifications for repairing the existing barracks and will commence work on them very soon. The cost of material and work performed will be approximately $9,000. All building material is very expensive here and costs many times more than it does in the States.

I also propose to have a temporary bath house, constructed of nipa, for immediate use, and to disinfect baggage by formalin process until the wharf and permanent buildings for baths and the installation of the disinfection plant can be erected.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Transfer of Mariveles Quarantine requested.

MANILA, P. I., *March 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to inform you that a few days ago I made a formal request for the transfer of the Mariveles Quarantine Station, including all the buildings now existing at that place. The military governor will transfer the station and has already sent an officer to select a site for barracks for the soldiers now stationed there.

I have had control of all inspection of vessels for the past month, and the situation is daily improving, although several points have not yet been decided.

My previous letters have shown plainly and forcibly the difficulties I have encountered in the performance of my duties, but my position is now better defined, and when the question of the amount of money to be set aside for quarantine purposes is definitely decided, I expect to start an organization on a firm basis.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

All vessels inspected.

MANILA, P. I., *March 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to inform you that I am inspecting all vessels, those from island ports as well as others. This has been the custom in the past, and is at present a wise precaution on account of the widespread prevalence of smallpox in the island cities and towns. During the past week 2 vessels have arrived from these ports with smallpox on board and have been placed in quarantine.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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